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NEBRASKA 2004 CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH

LINCOLN, Neb., November 12, 2004 -- **Corn** production in Nebraska is forecast at a record high 1.33 billion bushels, unchanged from last month and 18 percent above 2003, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 168 bushels per acre, unchanged from the October forecast, while being 22 bushels above last year and 21 bushels above the previous record high set in 2001. "Irrigated and dryland corn yields are being reported at record high levels in the eastern third of Nebraska. These yields combined with strong production numbers in many other areas have resulted in the record high production and yield. For soybeans, with harvest virtually complete, final production numbers pushed yield averages to a new state high," said Mark Harris, director, Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean production is forecast at 228 million bushels, a new record high, up 2 percent from last month and 25 percent above last year. Yields are expected to average a record high 48 bushels per acre, up one bushel from last month and 7.5 bushels per acre above 2003.

Sorghum production is forecast at 37.8 million bushels, up 22 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 90 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from last month's forecast and 28 bushels above last year.

Sugar beet production of 1.02 million tons is up 18 percent from 2003. Yield at 21.4 tons per acre is the largest since 1986.

Potato production of 8.94 million cwt is down 8 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 410 cwt per acre, second highest to 2003 when 420 cwt per acre was harvested.

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